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1. REF A SUGGESTION THAT QUOTE BULK OF MISSION MOROCCO TIME BE SPENT OUTSIDE CASABLANCA UNQUOTE WOULD VITIATE EFFECTIVENESS OF A STOP IN THIS COUNTRY. AFZTAE ARA 2, REF B, NATIONAL ELECTRICITY OFFICE (ONE) IS VIRTUALLY ONLY POTENTIAL PURCHASER OF ELECTRICITY GENERATING AND INTERCITY TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT IN ADDITION, BY FAR THE LARGEST LOCAL ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION FIRM IS THE CASABLANCA RAD WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR OVER A THIRD OF MOROCCAN POWER DISTRIBUTION. FOR THIS MISSION TO BE A SUCCESS, CLOSE COOPERATION AND NUMEROUS MISSION APPOINTMENTS WITH A HOST OF ONE AND RAD OFFICIALS IS ESSENTIAL, REQUIRING THAT BULK OF TIME BE SPENT IN CASABLANCA.

2. AS CONGENCASABLANCA CANNOT PROVIDE SUPPORT DURING THIS ALREADY PEAK PERIOD, EMBASSY PROPOSES TO DETAIL A CONTROL OFFICER AND LOCAL COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT/SECRETARY (BOTH ESSENTIAL) TO CASABLANCA TO COORDINATE WITH ONE AND RAD IF MISSION BUDGET WILL
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ALLOW FUNDING FOR TOTAL TWO WEEKS FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL. TTY TIME TO BE DIVIDED BETWEEN ADVANCE PRELIMINARIES FOR MISSION AND ASSISTANCE DURING MISSION VISIT TO MOROCCO.
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